

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GALAX CITY SCHOOL BOARD HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE GALAX HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. PRESENT: MR. RAYMOND E. KOHL, CHAIRMAN; DR. JAMES G. ADAMS, VICE-CHAIRMAN; F. STEWART MERDIAN, W. LARRY SPANGLER, MEMBERS; BILL H. STURGILL, DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT; REBECCA W. CARDWELL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT; KARA D. GRAHAM, CLERK OF THE BOARD. HELEN O. KYLE, MEMBER, WAS ABSENT.

School administrators in attendance were Frances Turpin, Bill Sutherland, Jeff Sharpe, Justin Iroler, Kristie Legg, Derrick Spence, Sonia Truitt, and Matthew Cornett. Others in attendance were teachers and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Focus on Instruction – Galax Middle School

Michelle Zipprich, ITRT teacher for the division, discussed the roles of her position. Ms. Zipprich stated that she is in the classrooms supporting teachers to help them implement technology into their classroom and into their curriculum. Ms. Zipprich noted that her first priority for the school year was to get i-pads ready for use at Galax Middle School. All of the i-pads have been updated and students are currently using them on a daily basis.

Ms. Zipprich noted that the division began using Google applications during the summer and that those applications are being used successfully. The middle and high school teachers are using Google classroom and she has conducted training with teachers and staff in order to assist teachers in getting their Google classrooms set up. Ms. Zipprich stated that she has also assisted Galax High School in creating a Google based discipline form that is filled out by the teachers and then submitted to the principal and assistant principal using a Google application. She has also assisted the reading and math specialists at Galax Elementary School in creating a Chromebook homepage that provides links to frequently used websites. The Chromebooks are being used on a regular basis at each school.

Ms. Zipprich stated that future projects include the upgrade of the PowerSchool grade book platform and providing professional development opportunities to prepare students for the technology requirements that they will encounter in college.

Community Participation

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. MERDIAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Items on the consent agenda include minutes of the regular session held October 11, 2016, October payroll report, October electricity report, October substitute report, November listing of bills.)

Approximately 90 Students, 10 Chaperones
 Transportation: Charter Bus
 Projected Cost To: Students- \$211.00 All-inclusive (from fundraising and possible contribution from STPO)
 School - \$0
 Division – \$0

Approval of Revision to the 2016-2017 School Operating Budget

Mr. Sturgill noted that the revision reflects a decrease of \$132,317 in revenue and expenditures to present a balanced budget totaling \$15,253,174.00.

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE REVISION TO THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL OPERATING BUDGET BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (A copy of the budget is attached to the minutes.)

Building Project

Mr. Sturgill stated that a special meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 to hear presentations from three architectural firms. Each firm will present more detailed plans and proposals for the renovation project at Galax Elementary School. Galax City Council has been invited to attend the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Galax Elementary School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Board Reports

Mr. Iroler stated that the School and Community Relations Committee had a booth at the Downtown Halloween Bash and also recently hosted an Arts Extravaganza on October 27, 2016.

PERSONNEL

Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD CONVENE INTO CLOSED MEETING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.2-3711(A)(1) TO DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT, RE-APPOINTMENT, RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND LEAVE OF EMPLOYEES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Reconvene Open Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. MERDIAN THAT THE BOARD RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certification of Closed Meeting

MOTION MADE BY DR. ADAMS AND SECONDED BY MR. SPANGLER THAT THE BOARD ADOPT "A RESOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2016" PURSUANT TO

